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In re Application of:

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In response to the Office Action (Paper No. 2) mailed by the PTO on 12/06/00, the  
Applicant elects Invention II, Claims 13-19.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 13 and 14 as follows:

13. (Amended) A method of detecting TAO [antibody-activated fibroblasts] in a  
patient comprising

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